

CC-5 - Climate Adaptation Strategies and Policies

Benefit/Cost of Reducing CO₂e:

N/A

Assessment: High Priority. Bin B. 13 out of 22 votes.

Developing and implementing an adaptation strategy will require significant financial and other resources and will require the involvement of numerous stakeholders. This option could include adaptations to address the consequences of reduced snow pack, increased precipitation, more intense droughts, and drier soils; the spread of new diseases affecting humans and other forms of life; shifts in vegetation patterns and distributions and other impacts on ecosystems and on agriculture; and changes in behaviors, habits, and decisions. Utah should focus in particular on the impacts of climate change on water, drought, and reduced snow pack. It is important to bring agencies together to address this. Utah universities could possibly focus research into this area.

Arizona is developing a comprehensive state adaptation strategy and gives priority to adaptation measures that can also help mitigate GHG emissions.